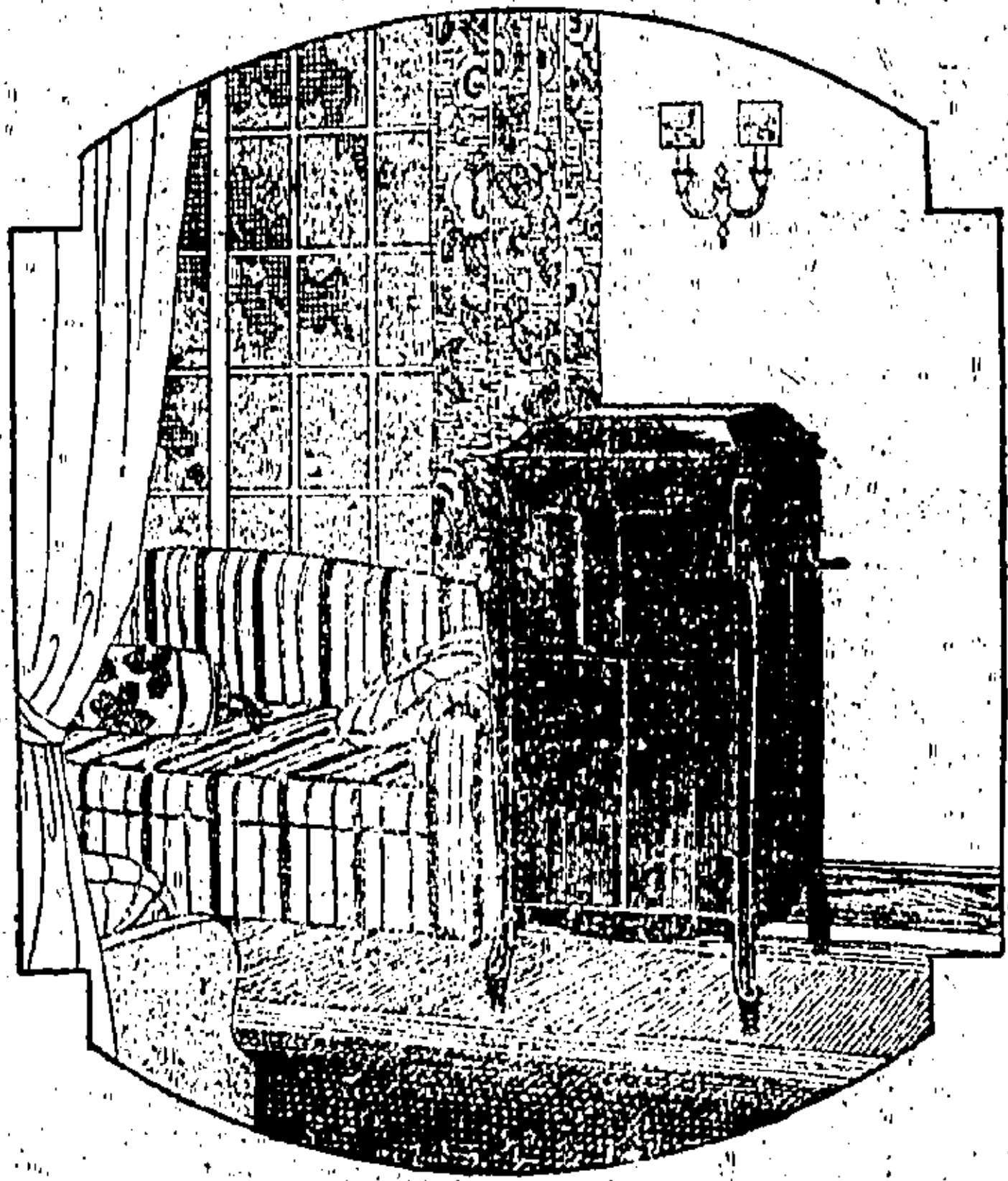


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HOUSE OF COMMONS TWITTING OF GOVERNMENT. VARIETY OF QUESTIONS PUT. UNEMPLOYMENT POLICY REVIEWED. (Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 30.
At question time in the House of Commons, Commander Bellairs asked whether representations had been made to the signatories to the Washington Convention that the alteration in the elevation of guns on capital ships, or expenditure for the purpose of increasing radius of action, would, in the opinion of the British Government, be a breach of the Convention.

Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answered in the affirmative; he added that the Powers concerned were the United States and Japan.

THAT SOVIET LOAN.
Sir Charles Lyle asked whether the Soviet, directly or indirectly, had advanced a proposal for a loan by this country on the ultimate guarantee of the Chinese Eastern railway.

Mr. Ponsonby declared no such proposal had been submitted to Government.

PRESSURE ON RAILWAYS.
Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that in bringing pressure on the railway companies to recondition and re-equip their lines and adopt electrification, the Government had decided to revive the Severn-barge scheme which if undertaken, would be the most difficult engineering feat in history.

SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY.
The Government had accepted the principle of Exchequer assistance for the sugar beet industry for a period of ten years, which he was assured would enable several new factories to be started almost immediately. Mr. Snowden believed this was one of the biggest things that could be done for British agriculture, which it would revive.

THE TWITTERS.
Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. T. J. Macnamara twitted the Government for adopting schemes at which it had previously sneered.

Sir J. Worthington Evans criticised the schemes on the ground that they would not find work for men this winter.

He moved a resolution in the salaries of Ministers, but the motion was rejected by 254 vote to 204.

SLOW BUT SURE.
At the instance of the Liberals, Government's unemployment policy was reviewed by Mr. Snowden, who, at the outset, drew ironical cheers and laughter by remarking that Government had a positive remedy for unemployment; but the more positive the remedy the slower the cure.

The Chancellor foreshadowed proposals which, though involving heavy public expenditure, he hoped would add to the productive capacity of the country—notably the construction of new roads, and the development of electricity. He emphasised the importance of foreign trade and hoped the Inter-Allied conference would result in such agreement as would give the people of Europe the confidence to settle down to work and re-open Continental markets. But he added, we are bound to face intensified competition in the world's trade in the future; therefore we must do everything possible to cheapen and improve production.

GERMAN PAYMENTS.
In reply to Mr. E. D. Morel, the Chancellor said that Germany, up to May 30, had paid £48,000,000. This included reparations and cost of the armies of occupation, excluding the Ruhr.

AMERICAN WORLD FLIERS.

TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT BEGUN.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 30.
The American world-fliers left Hull to-day for Kirkwall. This is the first stage of the flight across the Atlantic.

LATER.
The American fliers have arrived at Kirkwall safely.

"GOOD OLD DAYS."

1851 AND 1924 COMPARED.

The first of a series of meetings on "The Good Old Days and Now," held at the British Empire Exhibition, showed, that far from being looked back on as the "good old days," the period succeeding the Great Exhibition of 1851 was recalled—by "woman-kind" at least—with sensations of amazement and horror.

Miss Hilda Martindale, who dealt with the subject from the industrial point of view, maintained that it was something to be thankful for that we were living in 1924 and not in 1851. Was it too much to hope that in 1971 factories would not only be clean, comfortable, and safe, but places in which "service" was put before "gain"? Late in the last century there were dormitories in the roofs of factories where children lived and slept so that they might be ready when their shift came round, and the only humanising element in a factory at that period was the Inspector. At that time a Member of Parliament stated in the House that "the work of children and young persons in cotton mills is so light and easy."

—that it is perfectly possible, not to say desirable, for them to work extremely long hours." She enumerated modern reforms secured in connection with working hours, sanitation, legislation, the prevention of accidents, of sweating and the protection of motherhood. She added that accidents in factories were still far too numerous and serious to allow us to rest on our oars and that the prevention of accidents was likely to be one of the—if not the—most important of industrial reforms for the future.

"Our Homes in 1851 and in 1924" was the subject dealt with by Mrs. Ralph Durand, who admitted that "1851" might be described as the "good old times" in one respect—that food prices. Sugar was then 4/2d to 6/2d the lb; tea 10d; coffee 1s, while oysters were sold in the streets at four a penny. Meat was particularly cheap and 6d per lb was regarded as quite a good price. In other respects she agreed with the previous speaker—they were "thoroughly bad old days." The great task of the next seventy years would be to increase the number of houses without reducing the quality. She did not think that black buildings were so bad as they were. There were better ones in the regions of black buildings.

the fresh air until they could walk for themselves.

Miss Lena Ashwell, who spoke on "Amusements and the Stage. Then and Now," said that the price of seats had risen enormously since the beginning of the century, owing to the fact that people were going into the theatre because it was an interesting and lucrative business. At the present time we had a great number of very distinguished exponents of the drama, whereas in 1851 the (indefinite) attitude of mind of the public gave the "best artist" no opportunity. We needed a standard of what was fine, noble, and worth while in recreation. The principal amusements of the people at present (with) dancing, whistdrives, and the cinema. Mrs. George Morgan, who presided, said that women could congratulate themselves to-day on the fact that instead of having to influence somebody else's opinion when they desired certain reforms they now had the direct power of the vote.

Sir P. Lloyd-Greame argued that such professions would secure the property of the country, the strengthening of the Empire, and would be the greatest guarantee for the peaceful progress of the world.

LONDON CONFERENCE. QUESTION OF GERMAN DEFAULT. FRENCH ARBITRATION PROPOSAL. SECOND THOUGHTS ARE BEST. (Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, July 30.
Though "Le Figaro" and "Le Journal" both declared that the French members of the Reparations Commission would refuse to go to London, a Havas despatch says that, after lengthy deliberations, they have decided to do so.

ARBITRATION PROPOSAL.
The same Agency states that the French arbitration proposal in the event of Germany's default in payment of reparations has been finally drafted. It will operate in case there is either disagreement among the members of the Reparations Commission as to German default, or if German industrialists fail to carry out contracts for deliveries in kind.

It appears arbitration will be allowed from the decisions of the Reparations Commission and the Transfer Committee regarding the stoppage of deliveries in kind.

Furthermore British, French, and Italian military engineering experts and diplomats have drafted a scheme for military evacuation of the Ruhr, proportionately as Germany pays her debts.

CRICKET.

ENGLISH TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 30.
At Brighton, the match between Sussex and the South Africans was commenced in fine weather, before a large attendance of spectators and on an easy wicket.

The South Africans scored 337 runs. Nourse scored 73 and Hands 58 not out. The English cricketers who are proceeding to Australia in the Autumn have been selected as follows:—A. E. R. Gilligan, captain; J. W. H. T. Douglas, J. L. Bryan, A. P. F. Chapman, C. H. Gibson, Sandham, Strudwick, R. Tyldesley, Tate, Hodgson, Sutcliffe, A. Freeman, of Kent; Roy Kiner, Hearne and Woolley.

With the exception of another wicket-keeper the team is complete.

NAVAL PROMOTIONS.

NEW ADMIRAL OF FLEET.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, July 30.
Sir Charles Madden has been promoted Admiral of the Fleet, replacing Sir Henry Jackson, retired. Admiral Sir Gough Calthorpe replaces Sir Charles Madden as first aide-de-camp to His Majesty King George.

Sir Beauvoir Brock is promoted Admiral, Sir Rudolf Benthick is promoted Vice-Admiral, and Captain Cecil Staveley is promoted Rear-Admiral.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE.

EQUIPMENT BILL PASSED.

(Reuter's Service.)

MELBOURNE, July 30.
The House of Representatives passed the Defence Equipment Bill.

A Labour amendment favouring the construction of 10th instead of one of the cruisers locally was defeated by 29 votes to 22, Mr. Bruce explaining that the Government desired to accept the offer to build the first cruiser in England.

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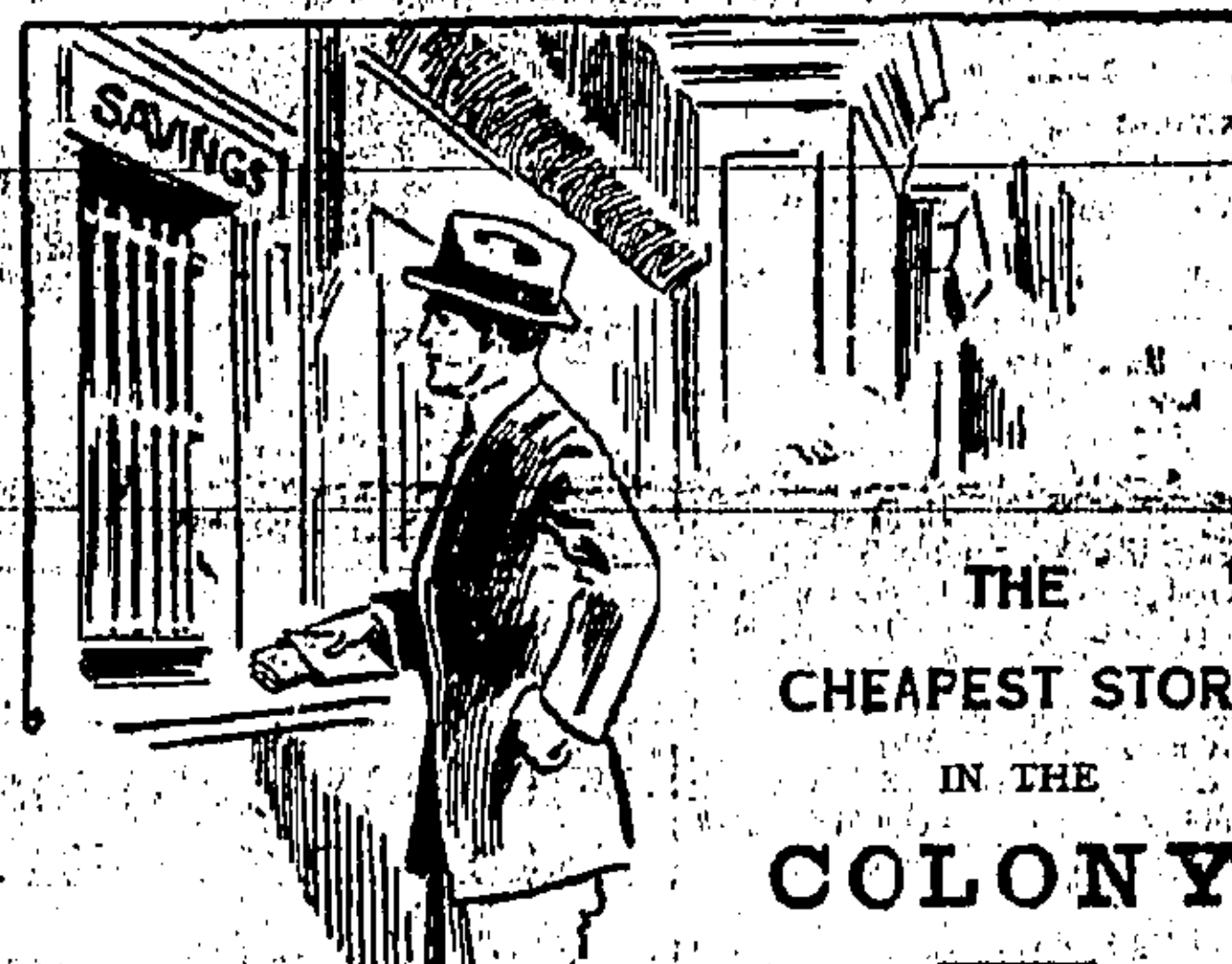
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. H. ROWE,
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Dated this 19th day of July 1924.

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The Share Registers of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 6th August, to Tuesday, 19th August, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1924.

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AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Two Dollars per share for the six months ending 30th June 1924 will be payable on THURSDAY, August 14th on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office, 11 Queen's Road Central.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from FRIDAY the 1st to WEDNESDAY the 13th August (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors
L. S. GREENHILL,
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Hongkong, 22nd July, 1924.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an INTERIM DIVIDEND has been declared in respect of the financial year ending on the 31st December, 1924, and will be payable on MONDAY, the 18th August 1924, as to SIXTY (60) Cents per share on the OLD SHARES, and as to FIFTEEN (15) Cents per share on the NEW SHARES (1924 ISSUE), UPON WHICH \$5 PER SHARE WAS PAID ON THE 31st MARCH, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 11th to the 16th August, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PERCY H. SUCKLING,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1924.

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Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Ida Armstrong wish to thank their friends for the floral tributes and kind expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1924.

MORE RISKS.

Yesterday we dwelt upon one aspect of Tuesday's Sanitary Board meeting, namely the evidence it revealed that certain vital health questions are in the hands of officials outside the Health Department. To-day we would draw attention to another aspect of the same meeting, which calls for almost equally strong comment. This is the glaring fact that the Sanitary Department is woefully under-staffed. Tuesday's meeting was not required, however, to make this clear—the fact has long been known. With

almost any other department this would have meant at the most hardship for the staff and a certain amount of delay in the work. With the Sanitary Department it has meant both these—Tuesday's meeting left no doubt about that—with special anxiety added. During the last five years the population has increased by leaps and bounds and the area under the Sanitary Department's care has nearly doubled. Yet apart from a few additional inspectors the Department's staff has scarcely been enlarged at all. Indeed the number of executive officers has actually been decreased! That is bad enough in itself but there is even worse to record. Compared with any Home town of equal size, Hongkong's Sanitary Department is totally inadequate, and yet out here the work is vastly more onerous, as might only be expected with thousands of ignorant Chinese to deal with. This of course is all wrong. Hongkong's need for a thoroughly equipped Sanitary Department is ten times

that of any Home city. For one thing the Colony cannot draw upon the services of neighbouring centres as Home towns can when serious epidemics break out, and for another the work here frequently entails taking that huge anthill Canton into the problem. Certainly it may be argued that Hongkong is the healthiest place in the world for its latitude, but the question remains might it not become still healthier if it had a bigger army to fight disease? Anyway if we had a fully adequate Sanitary Department we would not have the Chairman of the Board answering questions as he did on Tuesday with the blank-wall statement that the Department is short-handed. True in this particular instance the pressure arose owing to the sudden illness of Dr. Woodman, but surely the Department should always have enough men to allow for setbacks like this, so that important work need not be delayed. Enough has been said to show that the Sanitary Department is seriously under-staffed. Little need be added to drive home the possible dangers arising from this. The Colony may largely escape serious trouble for the time being but there may quite easily come a day when it will bitterly regret that it did not regard its health problem with a less niggardly eye.

A Public Necessity.

To Mr. Xavier who retires to-day after 37 years' useful service with the P.W.D. the completion of the construction of the Repulse Bay Road must appear one of the most recent accomplishments of the department with which he has been connected for so long time; but the regular user of the road will find it hard to realize that this completion took place only four and a half years ago. Those who bathe regularly in Hongkong's most popular bay and note the scores of others to whom a short time spent there is their sole means of relaxation must find it even harder to imagine the time when the beach there was deserted. And yet, as Mr. Xavier remarked in the course of an interview with a "China Mail" representative yesterday, prior to the construction of the road, the South of the Island was practically unknown to any but those who lived there and access could only be obtained by means of a bridle path. By altering this state of affairs a public necessity was met rather than a benefit conferred, for the men and women who put in five and a half solid days work in the course of the week must have the relaxation which such means of communication afford if they are to give of their best. It is true that even now the struggling youngster and the family of the man whose services do not command a very high salary do not see their way clear to make the motor journey to Repulse Bay as often as they should by reason of the strenuous nature of their work and the trying climate; but the new road which is to be opened in a few months' time will nearly halve the journey and if it halves the cost as well, it should be within the means of the tightest of pockets to get a good "blow" and a swim.

Chow For The Crowd.

Without seeking to add to the local "typhoid scare," we would refer to a fact that must appear strange to the average European when there is so much talk about the epidemic. A walk through Chinatown will reveal several side streets with cooked-food stalls lined up on both sides. From these stalls are purveyed anything in the way of real Chinese food, i.e., staple items for an average meal, also wares that may be called the poor man's delicacies. No more than a cursory glance is needed for even the layman to tell that here is insanitary "chow" swallowed whole with little or no attempt to find out whether any of the ingredients are harmful. To the European some of the food sold must seem gruesome in the extreme and the wonder is that the Chinese labouring classes can assimilate it so readily. Not only does the "chow" seem entirely unpalatable but the manner in which it is prepared, together with the indifference to cleanliness, causes one to shudder. Yet as Mr. Wong Kwong-tin points out, only a very small number of Chinese have suffered in the present epidemic.

The recent correspondence columns on "A Scap of Paper" has an interest for more than the historians, and the "Times" writes that even in the casual reader it can hardly fail to inspire thoughts which border suspiciously on the metaphysical. The historic utterance is not yet ten years old. Born in an hour of world crisis, it lived at once on the lips of millions. It became the core of a national plea of self-justification, and stands for all time as a testing shibboleth of right and wrong on the plane of international morality. And yet, despite far-sighted historical precaution, and notwithstanding evidence quoted from both speaker and hearer of the phrase, it is still possible to dispute whether it was spoken in English or in German, and, if in German, which of two forms it took. We may the plain man wonder, if such things can be, where in historical record he may find indisputable certainty.

Ford has saved HOW FORD, America from a social crisis, according to Samuel M. Vaulain, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works. To keep a man contented you must keep him amused and busy; and when alcohol was taken from a nation, the flivver was needed to replace it. The cheap automobile is more than enough to amuse and busy a man and his whole family.

Mr. William LATEST WILLS, John Humphrys, of Hereford, solicitor, left £1,500 to Herbert James Harris, "his valued clerk and friend," and legacies to clerks according to length of service. £113,325.

Mr. Henry Geary Cotton, of Charnwood House, Shepshed, Leicestershire, £88,013.

Lieut. Col. Edward Ommanney-Hollett, R.A., of Loddsworth House, Loddsworth, Sussex, £69,878.

Mr. Augustus Herring, of The Royal Crescent Hotel, Brighton, and the Conservative Club, St. James's-street, S.W., £59,497.

Lieut. Col. James Ralph Trustcott, of Ambleside, Cobham, Surrey, and of Suffolk-lane, Cannon-street, E.C., £32,923.

Sir William Mackworth Young, K.C.S.I., of Lerryn, Weybridge, Surrey, a former lieutenant-governor of England, Zenana Missionary Society, £21,932.

Mr. New Bullion was QUITE, having a magnificent mansion built to his special order. No expense was being spared to make it the most elaborate mansion in the neighbourhood; he wanted it to be worthy of his position—that of Pork King. And he had impressed this on the architect again and yet again.

"Of course," explained the architect one day when they were talking over the plans. "If you don't care for these towers I can easily have them eliminated." Mr. New Bullion puffed out his cheeks and looked thoughtful for a moment. Then he looked up from the plans. He had said that expense was no object, and he would show the architect that he meant it.

"Huh!" he grunted. "They look handsome enough as they are, but if you think 'eliminating' them will make them any handsomer, then, I say, have them 'eliminated'."

Current Comment.

(The Rubber Whine.)

Mr. O'Hara Hickson is, as far as we know, a sound planting authority, says the "Singapore Free Press," but he appears to be as badly obsessed with the conviction that we have a genuine grievance against the Dutch as any of the other protagonists of restriction. Surely it is time that people of experience and weight in the industry should give up the piling cry about the wickedness of the Dutch in not coming into the arrangement. The Dutch are good business men—we have known that since Canning's time—and if they decided that it was to their advantage to stay out of the arrangement they probably made a perfectly sound business decision. If that be granted what right have we, or any other Nation or industry similarly situated to talk as if they owed it to us to go against their business instincts. Did the British coffee planters in the past agree to join in the Dutch suggestions for coffee regulation schemes? Why cannot our leading men put aside all these feelings of supposed grievances and concentrate on facts instead of fancies. Mr. Churchill claimed that the scheme had been a success and that his action had preserved for the Empire one of the few means of paying our debts to America. Assume for a moment nothing at all is done now; the Dutch interests go on producing more; the British go on reducing output more and more owing to falling prices; where will our capacity for paying our debts be

in a few years? The plain fact is that even now many men are determined not to look the situation in the face. Sir John Anderson in his day referred to the possibility of British Malaya producing 70,000 tons. That estimate, unbelievable as it seemed at the time, is now almost lost in the distance. If Malaya can "so increase her output from that estimate to her present full production, what is there to prevent Dutch interests doing the same? Why will not the industry face and concentrate upon this vital aspect of the situation instead of whining about the Dutch business acumen? We had really thought that some progress had been made, at least locally, in appreciating the real difficulty in the situation, but the reiteration of such statements, as that made by Mr. O'Hara Hickson shows that many in the industry have yet to realise that it is up against a fight on a simple issue and it is useless to diverge into side tracks until that issue has been plainly determined. When, after adequate inquiry, it has been clearly proved that there is no possibility or likelihood of insulindia production materially "growing beyond its present size," then will be the time to consider plans for the improvement, alteration or amendment of our own schemes for maintaining the price and regulating the production, but until that proof has been shown it is futile to concentrate upon the other measures.

To-day's Poem.

(An Epitaph.)

Hook-nosed was I; loose-lipped;
greed fixed its gaze
In my young eyes ere they knew
brass from gold,
Doomed to the blazing market-
place my days—
A sweating chafferer of the
bought and sold,
Frowned on and spat at, flattered
and decreed,
One only thing man asked of me—
my price.
I lived, detested; and deserted,
died;
Scorned by the virtuous and the
jest of vice.
And now behold, you Christians,
my true worth;
Step close: I have inherited the
Earth.

—Walter de la Mare.

WEATHER-CALENDAR.

JULY 31.

1711. The queen and I were going
to take the air this after-
noon; but not together; and were
both hindered by sudden
rain.

—Swift.

SPIRITUAL VALUES.

The most significant thing in
the development of the world as
we know it is the emergence of
spiritual values. These values
include all that we mean or can
mean when we speak of the True,
the Beautiful, and the Good.

—Dr. J. Scott Lidgett.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

July 31.—Coronet Theatre:
"Judith of Bethulia."
July 31.—The Star Theatre:
"Around the world in a Ford."
July 31.—World Theatre:
"Animals acting as Men."
July 31.—Queen's Theatre:
"Helioporus."

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

August 1.—Lampert Bros., at
their Sales Room, 103, 105, 107,
Pauchoy (waterproof), 11 a.m.

LAND SALE.

August 5.—At P.W.D. Offices,
one lot Crown land at Shumshuipo,
3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

September 16.—Extraordinary
general meeting of The China
Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the
Registered Office of the Company,
Pedder Street, noon.

October 8.—Second meeting of
the China Sugar Refining Co.,
Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street,
noon.

October 18.—Extraordinary
General Meeting of Douglas S.S.
Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office
of the Company, 20, Des Voeux
Road, Central, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of
The China Sugar Refining Co.,
Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street,
noon.

November 6.—Further extra-
ordinary meeting of Douglas S.S.
Co., Ltd., at 20, Des Voeux Road
Central, noon.

ASKED FOR TROUBLE.

CONSTABLE AND "SQUEEZE."

NOW IN HOSPITAL.

A lamplighter and a coolie were
remanded for a week at the Cen-
tral Magistracy this morning on a
charge of assaulting a Chinese
constable and wounding him with
a chopper. Inspector Shaftain,
prosecuting for the Crown, indi-
cated that in all probability they
would finally be discharged.

Inspector Shaftain said that the
policeman was asking for trouble.
The defendants stated that the
constable called at the house where
they lived and told them that he
knew they had lottery tickets. He
was said to have demanded \$30
"squeeze" whereupon defendants
set upon him with the chopper.
In reply to Mr. Lindsell, Inspector
Shaftain said that the constable
was fairly seriously injured, but
he was expected to recover. The
police would be satisfied with \$50
bail as the case would probably go
before the C.S.P. and the men be
discharged.

Bail was fixed at this amount
and the case was remanded for a
week.
Mr. McCullum was for the
defence.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

On Monday night His Excellency
gave a dinner party to which were
invited the following:—Hon. Sir
Clair and Lady Severn, Monsieur
et Madame Courthial, Lt. Colonel
and Mrs. Baehus, Mr. and Mrs.
Reith, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Trevel-
lyn, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Han-
cock, Lt. Comm. Holt, Mr. D. H.
Cameron, Commander Hudson,
Major Chenevix-Trench and Mr.
and Mrs. Champkin.

On Wednesday forenoon His
Excellency inspected the fourth
detachment of men enlisted in Wei-
hai-wei, for the Hongkong Police
Force.

On Thursday, His Excellency's
Aide de Camp, Captain R. Neville,
left the Colony, in the R.M.S.
"Empress of Russia," on six
weeks' leave.

On Saturday, August 2, His
Excellency will be present at the
dinner to be given at the opening
of the Phekho Country Club.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The House of Lords has
passed the second reading of the
Housing Bill and the third reading
of the Legitimacy Bill.

A message from Bukharest
states that martial law has been
proclaimed throughout the country
in consequence of an alleged
conspiracy, in the coup d'etat of
which a high army officer is
implicated.

Pleading guilty before the
Marine Magistrate (Lieut. Com-
mander G. F. Hole, R.N.), this
morning to a charge of having
deposited rubbish in the harbour
on July 20, Kwok Sau-kan, master
of the steam-launch "Lee Yuen"
was fined \$15 the Marine Court.

At about 5 p.m. yesterday a
Chinese who was working on the
site of the Nam Yan Tobacco
Company's premises on Stubbs
Road, Happy Valley, was killed
by a fall of earth. Four other
men who were working with him
escaped injury.

Choi Yee, who was charged on
remand at the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday afternoon with detain-
ing and enticing away Chu Shui-keung
(15) on May 28, was committed
for trial at the next sitting of the
Criminal Sessions. He was fur-
ther charged with kidnapping and
harbouring Chu Ying-wing (12)
on May 24.

Tal Mohamed, described as an
eye-doctor, of 284, Des Voeux
Road West, was summoned at the
Central Magistracy yesterday for
practising as a doctor without
being on the Medical Register.
Evidence was given by several
witnesses that they had been treated
by the defendant, and had paid
fees. Mr. Lang, of the Colonial
Secretariat, testified that the
defendant's name was not on the
register. Mr. C. A. S. Russ, de-
fending, contended that an
eye-doctor did not come under
the regulations governing
ordinary medical practitioners.
The Magistrate (Mr. R. E.
Lindsell) promised to give
his decision on the point in seven
days.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

There was a large gathering of
members of the K.C.C. on board
the s.s. "Empress of Russia" to
before she sailed to-day, to wish
"bon voyage" to Dr. Charles
Forayth, the Club's president. The
doctor is taking a trip to Canada
for the benefit of his health and
his many friends trust to see him
return much benefited. He was
the recipient of a loving cup, as a
token of the esteem in which he is
held by the Club members.

SHAMEEN STRIKE.

SERVANTS SNEAK BACK.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN
TO-NIGHT?

There is little change to record
in the Shameen strike situation.
Outwardly neither side has moved
although small batches of
domestic servants have sneaked
back to work. The guild leaders
are still issuing orders and
attempting to extend the scope of
the dispute.

In Hongkong no further signs
have been forthcoming beyond the
boycott of the Steamboat Co.'s
vessels on the grounds of their
alleged transportation of food sup-
plies for Shameen. Nevertheless,
Shameen is still getting food from
Hongkong.

To-night news is expected as to
whether the coxswains and
engineers of the launches and
motor-boats belonging to Shameen
firms will strike or not in response
to overtures from the "profe-
ssional labour leaders." It will be
recalled that they were previously
reported as having promised to
leave after drawing their pay.

Nothing further has been heard
about the attempt of Chinese mer-
chants who have goods tied up in
British godowns on Shameen to
secure permission from the pickets
to remove their cargoes and the
position of stalemate in trade
remains.

HIS OR NOT.

SOLICITOR'S NOVEL PLEA
IN DEFENCE.

CROSSED-CHEQUE PROCEDURE.

That the landlord was not
entitled to give notice because the
property in question was not his
at the time, was the novel defence
raised by Mr. C. A. S. Russ on
behalf of a number of tenants at
the Summary Court this morning.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong of Messrs.
Deacons appeared for Mul Fung-
chi, the plaintiff (landlord).
Defendants (represented by Mr.
Russ) were the Shing Yuen firm,
first floor, No. 232, Des Voeux
West; the Hop Yung firm, first
floor; Ho Yam, second floor; and
the Ming Tak firm, No. 230, Des
Voeux West. Plaintiff asked for
an order for possession and
claimed mesne profits.
In his opening statement, Mr.
Armstrong explained that the three
months' notice expired on June 1.
The defence was that plaintiff's
title-deed was dated March 4 and
therefore he was not in a position
to give three months' notice expir-
ing on June 1. His (Mr. Arm-
strong's) case was that the deed
was actually executed and deliv-
ered on February 29 when plaintiff
paid over the money with which
he purchased the houses. He had
contracted to buy the houses on
January 8.

POINTS AGREED UPON.

There were certain points on
which both sides were agreed.
For the defence Mr. Russ admitted
that Messrs. Deacons were solicitors
for both vendor and purchaser
when the property was sold to the
plaintiff. Mr. Russ also admitted
that the deed was executed
before 6.30 p.m. on February
20 when the notices were
alleged to have been served.
However, he maintained that on
that day plaintiff only paid in a
crossed cheque which had not been
certified as "good" by the bank
on which it was made out.
Accordingly that cheque, if hon-
oured, could not have been cleared
till the next day, March 1. He
also alleged that plaintiff had not
paid his costs of the transaction
for which reason Messrs. Deacons
held back the deed and did not
hand same over to plaintiff till
March 4.

Evidence was called including
that of Mr. H. K. Hung of Messrs.
Deacons who attended the vendor
and plaintiff at the time of the
sale. Mr. Russ said he had no
case to answer. The deed was not
effective because it was held back
and not dated till the costs had
been paid. In support of his
contention, Mr. Russ quoted
Halsbury on the subject of a deed
being ineffective until certain con-
siderations had been fulfilled.
After Mr. Armstrong had retired,
His Lordship, the acting Pui-
sne Judge, (Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball)
reserved judgment.

TYPHOON ABOUT.

FURTHER THAN PRATAS.

Just within the 300 miles zone
and further than the Pratas Island,
another typhoon has been
"spotted."

According to a notice posted at
the Harbour Office at 11 this
morning, its position is given as
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unknown, radius unknown.

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S.S. "AMARU MARU" ... Sunday, 3rd August

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PRESENTATION.

RETIREMENT OF VETERAN
PUBLIC SERVANT.

MR. XAVIER'S REMINISCENCES.

In returning thanks at the P.W.D. Headquarters yesterday afternoon for a handsome present to which the staff had subscribed on the occasion of his retirement, Mr. I. M. Xavier, A.M.C.E., talked reminiscently of the changes in the management and personnel of the department since he joined it 37 years ago. In the course of conversation with a "China Mail" representative after the presentation ceremony, he contrasted the present facilities for travel with the state of affairs which existed in the early days of the department. "If an engineer or land surveyor wanted to go to places like Pokfulam or Shaokwan he had to take a rickshaw," said Mr. Xavier, "and as there were only four engineers and two surveyors at that time you can imagine the difficulty they had in covering such a large area," he added. "One of the four engineers was the late Mr. E. Bowdler who carried out the Praya Reclamation and another Mr. Orange who carried out the Taitam Water Works."

Among the more recent works carried out by the Department in which Mr. Xavier has taken part was the construction of the Repulse Bay Road. When asked what conditions were before that, Mr. Xavier remarked that the South side of the Island was practically unknown to any but those who lived there and the only way to get to it was by means of a bridle path. The new road by Wongneichong Gap should open up the South even further, remarked Mr. Xavier.

The Presentation.
Yesterday's presentation was made by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Director of Public Works, and the gifts were silver cigar and cigarette boxes.

In making the presentation, the Hon. Mr. Cressy said that Mr. Xavier joined the Department in 1887, and was retiring in his fifty-fifth year. When he joined, Mr. Price was Surveyor General, and the post of Director of Public Works had not yet been created. Mr. Xavier joined the Water and Drainage Department in 1893, and was connected with the West Point Filter Beds, the original Peak waterworks, and the first well sunk for the Kowloon water supply.

At the time of the outbreak of plague in Hongkong in 1898, Mr. Xavier was engaged upon the resumption of the Tai Ping Shan area and the reconstruction of the new lay-out there.

With regard to roads, among others he was connected with the construction of the road round the Island from Aberdeen to Shaokwan, Barker Road, Conduit Road, Hay Road, and Findlay Road. In Kowloon he was connected with Nathan Road and Gascoigne Road.

Mr. Cressy concluded by saying that he felt sure that all in the gathering would join with him in wishing Mr. Xavier the best of health and happiness in his well earned retirement.

Mr. Xavier's Reply.
Mr. Xavier replied as follows:—"I have listened with much pleasure to the kind remarks proffered by you, Sir, regarding myself, but I can assure you that I am not in any way deserving of them. I am, however, conscious of one thing only, and that is that I have done my duty. But since you have chosen to speak so kindly of me I have no alternative but to return my very warm thanks."

"I need hardly say how reluctant I feel to sever connection with my colleagues in this Department, more so when I look back to the time when I first entered the service of the Government—an unbroken stretch of 37 years."

EPIC OF A FORD.

STAR THEATRE'S FINE
PICTURE.

Not every day can a cinema offer the attraction which the Star Theatre is offering this evening, because it is not every day that the Colony is visited by a couple touring the world in a Ford car. This couple as ever, one here now knows is Captain Wanderwell and his sister Miss Aloha Wanderwell. They have already travelled through over forty different countries in the course of their adventurous journey and naturally have some very interesting experiences to relate. These experiences will form the subject of a lecture at both the matinee and the evening performances when their remarkable film "Around the World in a Ford" will be screened. The Wanderwells will form the chief attraction at the Star Theatre for the next three days.

LAST TIME.

Hongkong cinema-goers have their last opportunity this evening of seeing "Judith of Bethulia," which as everyone knows is the first big picture made by that master producer, D. W. Griffith. Despite the fact that it was made over a decade ago, "Judith of Bethulia," revived with certain technical improvements, is still an excellent picture judged by latest standards.

\$73,000, the expenditure on recurrent works \$178,000, and on Extraordinary Public Works \$468,000, or \$678,000 in all, but to-day this Department has 47 engineers and 18 surveyors, the total European force being 140; the last annual expenditure being over 7 million dollars.

More interesting is the comparison of the personnel in 1888 and to-day.

"Of the 4 engineers, one was the late Mr. E. Bowdler who carried out the Praya Reclamation, and the other Mr. Orange who carried out the Taitam Water Works. It will be seen that the Department then had only 2 engineers to deal with the various engineering questions that presented themselves for solutions."

"To-day, Sir, the Department possesses competent and qualified technical experts to tackle Architectural, Road, Water, Drainage, Electrical, Harbour and Building Ordinance works under your very capable leadership."

"In official life it seems as painful to sever one's self from the ranks of one's colleagues after long years of work in close association as it is to part with one's friends after long intimacy in social life. This is my lot to-morrow in parting with you, Sir, and my colleagues."

"The reluctance so to act is indeed great, but a time must come when everybody has to do the same."

"I have served under seven Directors and at one time, I entertained the hope of being able to serve under you for a few years more, but this unfortunately is not to be my pleasure and although it is less than a year that I have been under you, I have no less an admiration for you as I entertained towards your distinguished predecessors."

"Well, Sir, I have no desire to deprive you and my colleagues of the precious time which, I as an Engineer, can well appreciate; how valuable it is in Engineering work. I will therefore terminate this, firstly, by accepting from you, Sir, and my colleagues, with heartfelt thanks, the beautiful souvenir which you all have gone out of your way to present to me, which I may say I have done nothing to deserve, but I can assure you, it will receive a prominent place amongst my valuables; secondly, by reciprocating your good wishes, with the hope that in the not far distant future the Government will more adequately acknowledge the merits of the Engineering Staff of this Department; and thirdly by saying that although I have retired, if at any time that little ability that exists in me can be of any use to you, it shall always be at your disposal."

SEA DRAMA.

PIRATE LAUNCH SURPRISED.

ARMED VESSEL GIVES CHASE.

Twenty armed robbers aboard a black painted pirate launch, 30 passengers aboard a junk in tow, and two armed Shekkl steam launches were the principles in what might with good reason be called a drama of the sea, although not perhaps of the high sea.

The peaceful passenger junk (the "Sun Tai On") left Hongkong at 6-30 yesterday morning bound for Ha Chak (Heungshan). It was towed by the steam launch "Wai Hung" and on board were 30 passengers. There were no armed guards among the party.

When about 15 miles from Ling Ting Island the pirate launch put out from Tung Kai Island and blew its siren for the "Wai Hung" to stop. The pirate launch then went alongside and twenty armed men jumped on board. They had just begun their search of the passengers' belongings, but had had no time to take anything, when two Shekkl steam launches were seen towing junks. The pirates knew that they would stand no chance against such well equipped boats but being determined to get away with the captured launch if possible, they divided into two parties, one manning the "Wai Hung" and one their own launch. They then cut the junk adrift and went off at full speed, one of the Shekkl launches giving chase.

NEWS IS AWAITED.

No further news has been received but it is thought that the Shekkl launch would overtake the pirates or force them ashore. The coxswain of the "Wai Hung" when the Shekkl launches were sighted immediately dived over board and swam to the launch which eventually gave chase.

DOCK THEFTS.

COOLIES FINED.

When two coolies were found with seven teak-wood planks outside the building in which were the premises of the guild to which they belonged, they told the detective that they were taking them in order to erect a platform there, but when they appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning their solicitor (Mr. Remedios) said that his defence was that they had got very hot after work of clearing the junk from which they had taken the wood and had gone to the guild to get a drink, taking the wood with them but meaning to take it back afterwards.

The men had been employed by the Company for ten years. Sergt. Terry said that he did not think these men were the principals but that they were employed by someone else. Fined \$50 or one month's hard labour.

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

GERMAN REJECTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, July 30.
The Government has informed the League Secretariat of its disagreement with the mutual guarantee pact as ill-fitted to secure universal security and the limitation of armaments, pointing out that a totally disarmed Germany would be an impossible position. An alternative suggestion is submitted, that, instead of piling up treaties and agreements subsidiary to the covenant, the latter itself should be more thoroughly developed so that the violent settlement of disputes should be prohibited, that an arbitration court for political disputes should be instituted, and especially that disarmament should be compulsory for all States. The Government adds that Germany will then be ready to enter the Society of Nations and to co-operate for the preservation of peace.

Thrown in bare-back bronk riding at the International Rodeo at the Wembley Stadium, a cowboy and his eight-year-old son, and a half-breed section of the show, were severely injured. A competitor in the steer-roping contest was also injured. There were, however, no mishaps in the steer-roping contests, which were held in private. Five summonses were granted by the Wembley Magistrates against Mr. O. B. Cochran, promoter of the Rodeo, Mr. Tex Austin, manager, and the cowboy who roped the steer whose leg was broken. In the opinion of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said Mr. S. G. Pollitt, solicitor, in applying for the summonses, a certain amount of suffering was involved in the contests in every instance.

CHALICE OF ANTIOCH.

SAID TO BE THE CUP OF
THE LAST SUPPER.

Has the Holy Grail been found? There is lying at this moment in the vaults of a New York bank a marvellously beautiful silver chalice of the first century, found at Antioch. This chalice encases a crude vessel of alloy.

Dr. Augustus Eissen, the American archaeologist, as the result of ten years' studies, thinks that this may be the actual Cup of the Last Supper, which was the object of that mystic quest of Arthur's Knights. One of the greatest stories in the world and the inspiration of poets, artists, and musicians from generation to generation. The chalice itself, according to Dr. Eissen, contains contemporary portraits of Christ and the Apostles.

Even those archaeologists who are not prepared to go so far as Dr. Eissen admit that the chalice is of the first century, and that his theory of its origin is by no means impossible.

NOT TO BE SOLD.

There has just been brought over from America a monograph in two folio volumes in which Dr. Eissen describes The Great Chalice of Antioch, and this will be on view, together with a great number of photographs of the chalice at the Redfern Galleries, Bond-street.

Dr. Eissen's monograph represents the work of ten years, and in it he describes this seven-inch chalice from every possible angle. A petition has been started for presentation to Mr. G. Kouchakji, of Paris, the owner of the chalice, inviting him to present it either to Westminster Abbey or to the British Museum. There can be no question of its sale. Mr. Kouchakji will either keep it himself or give it away and as he is a Catholic, there is possibility that he may present it to the Vatican.

ROMANTIC STORY.

Outside the circle of a few archaeologists and churchmen, the romantic story of the finding of the chalice and its subsequent adventures has never been told. It was first discovered by certain Arabs who were excavating the legendary site of an ancient cathedral among the ruins of the city of Antioch in 1910.

In some mysterious way the treasure was carried into Mesopotamia, and after some years, it was sold to the firm of Kouchakji Freres, of Paris. Mr. G. Kouchakji received it shortly before the outbreak of war.

It was not until it was cleaned and "deoxidised" by M. Andree, of Paris, that the true value of the chalice was realised.

At the time of the Battle of the Marne it was despatched for safety's sake to America. There it has remained ever since.

Mr. C. J. Henley, who has brought Dr. Eissen's monograph from America, told the "Daily News" that Mr. Kouchakji considers the chalice priceless. A million dollars would not tempt him to part with it.

"Antioch," he said, "was the main centre of the early Christian Church in the East, following the fall of Jerusalem. It was here that the followers of Christ were first actually called Christians."

CUP OF THE LAST SUPPER.

"It assumed that this chalice was the great treasure of the Basilica which was begun by Constantine the Great. In the third century, the churches were plundered, and Theodoros was martyred for his action in guarding the Basilica treasures. Then later still the chalice was probably hidden, altogether from sacrilegious hands."

Evidently the early Christians who fashioned this rich and splendid chalice attached the highest importance to the vessel which was kept inside it. Yet this vessel is rough, and intrinsically of no great value. Therefore it must have been precious because of its associations. Dr. Eissen suggests it was the cup of the Last Supper which had been brought by the early Christians from Jerusalem to Antioch.

The central theme of the great epic of the Monte d'Arthur is the quest of the Grail. It has become surrounded with the most passionate aspirations of spiritual fervour and mysticism. In modern days, Wagner's sacred music drama, "Parsifal," has endeared this subject to the hearts of thousands.

In delightful weather the King and Queen opened the Ascot meeting by driving in semi-stirrup the Royal Mile. Their Majesties were accompanied by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York in an open liddan driven by four greys. A huge crowd of spectators, who enthusiastically cheered their Majesties and their party.

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Dated the 31st July, 1924.
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ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

HAPPY VALLEY AUGUST MEETING IS POSTPONED till further notice.

CAPTAIN'S CUP (August) will be played for at FANLING August 2nd to 4th (inclusive).

By Order of the Committee,
E. D. MATTHEWS,
Secretary Royal Hongkong Golf Club
Hongkong, 31st July, 1924.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 4th August, 1924.
Hongkong, 31st July, 1924.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 7th of August 1924, will be subject to rest.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 7th of August 1924, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 10th of August 1924, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
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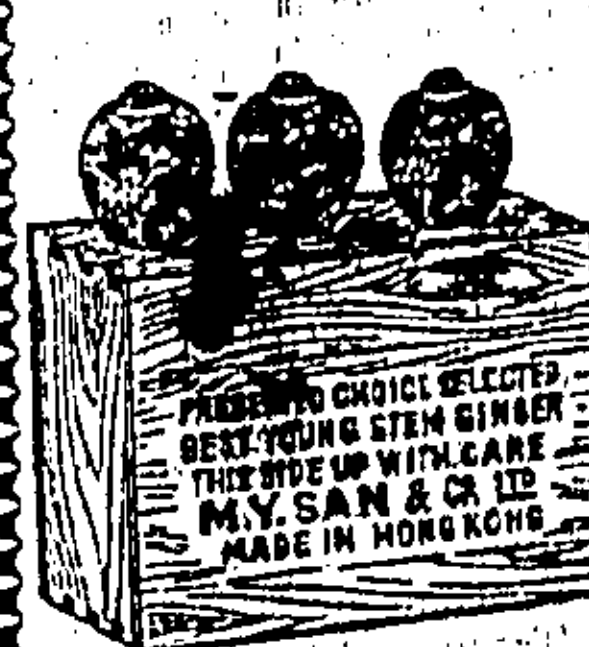
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